GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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RELIEF MEASURES TO FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government to grantspecial assistance of Rs.10 crore for relief measures to be taken for the fishermen, who lost their houses, fishing equipments and for the reconstruction of Coastal roads, damages to coconut plantation, errosion of sea wall etc. damaged due to the unprecedented fury during South West Monsoon in June 2000; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to undertake reliefmeasures in the wake of natural calamities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government. There is ready availability of funds under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for undertaking necessary relief measures.

The Government of Kerala had submitted a Memorandum indicating damage tocore sectors like Agriculture, Housing, Communication and Transport in the wake of heavy rains and floods and sought Central assistance for flood damage and anti sea erosion works. During 2000-01, Central share of CRF amounting to Rs.17.34 crore hasso far been released to the State for undertaking relief measures.